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SUBJ: FRG POLICY ON CARGO SHARING IN OCEAN SHIPPING

1. IN A TALK TO ECONOMIC COUNSELORS OF BONN
EMBASSIES ON JUNE 27, STATE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORTATION
HEINZ RUHNAU DECLARED THAT THE FRG WOULD
SEEK CARGO SHARING PROVISIONS IN ITS BI-LATERAL
SHIPPING AGREEMENTS. HE POINTED TO THE JUST
CONCLUDED (JUNE 13) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE
IVORY COAST WHICH PROVIDES CARGO SHARING ON A BASIS
OF FORTY PERCENT FOR EACH PARTY AND TWENTY PERCENT FOR
SHIPS OF THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. RUHNAU SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD
ADOPTED THIS POLICY TO HELP ASSURE AN ADEQUATE
SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT
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AND TO KEEP SHIPYARDS IN PRODUCTION. HE SAID
THAT FRANCE WOULD PRESENT A PAPER TO THE EC
MINISTERS OF TRANSPORTATION MEETING WHICH WOULD
ADVOCATE CARGO SHARING AND THAT THE FRG WOULD
SUPPORT THE FRENCH. RUHNAU ASSERTED THAT SOME
KIND OF CARGO SHARING IS NECESSARY AND PREDICTED
THAT THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE ACCEPTANCE OF THE

UN CODE OF LINER CONDUCT WITH ITS CARGO SHARING PROVISIONS.

3. BESIDES THE BOOST TO SHIPBUILDING FROM CARGO SHARING, RUHNAU NOTED, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO SHIP CONSTRUCTION. OTHERWISE, GERMAN SHIP OWNERS WOULD PURCHASE THEIR SHIPS ABROAD.

4. ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM OF TRYING TO AVOID CARGO-SHARING POINTED OUT BY RUHNAU WAS THE SOVIET UNION'S PRACTICE OF DISCRIMINATING IN FAVOR OF ITS OWN SHIPS IN ITS BI-LATERAL TRADE AND SOVIET INROADS INTO SHIPPING IN EAST ASIA AND AFRICA. RUHNAU SAID THAT EIGHTY PERCENT OF GERMAN-SOVIET CARGO GOES IN SOVIET SHIPS. THE RULES OF THE BI-LATERAL TRADE WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED. THE PRESENT MOST FAVORED NATION AGREEMENT IS OF NO VALUE WITH THE SH HETS, BECAUSE NO NATION IS FAVORED.

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